(e) whetherthe difference between the lowest CIF Value and domestic Value in relating to total foreign exchange requirement of an indigenous supplier is taken into consideration; and

(f) whether while calculating domestic value addition value engineering method is adopted by ONGC, if so, what are the standard parameters ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The criterion for giving price preference is domestic value added, which is derived from the cif price of the lowest acceptable tenderer and direct import requirements of raw materials components and consumables of the Indian bid under evaluation. This price preference policy for supplies to ONGC is not applicable for Government Departments.

(f) With the introduction of Liberalised Exchange Rate Management System value engineering gives a fair indication of the genuineness of the value addition claimed by the bidder.

Decline in Gas Production

2493. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH :
SHRI P. UPENDRA :
SHRI MOHAMMED MASOOD KHAN :
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that production of gas is 48 MMSCMD while around 11 MMSCMD i.e. more than 20 per cent is flared up;

(b) where was the lacuna or what was faiulty planning due to which such a huge waste has occurred; and

(c) what is tlie reason for decline, in gas production ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND (a) In 1991-92 cm as ave-rage 51 MMSCMD of gas was produced, of which apprx- 11 MMSCMD was flared.

(b) Flaring of get resulted on account of higher than expected gas production in the Western Offshore region and absence of adequate compression and transportation facilities, and in some areas like Assam, due to lack of consumers.

(c) There is a temporary decline in pro duction of gas on account of ONGC hav ing taken up rectificatory measures in the Bombay High field.

Petrol/Diesel/LPG Outlets released from fee Minister's Quota

2494. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of petrol/diesel/LPG outlets released by Government from the Minister's Quota during the years 1989-90, 90-91 and 91-92;

(b) the names of the individual/ individuals who were granted the about outlets category-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose *to* continue the policy of allocating these outlets through discretionary quota, if so, the reasons for not discontinuing the quota system ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) During the last three years ending March 1992, 144 petrol/diesel outlets and 129 LPG distributorships were allotted under the discretion of Government. Allotments made during December 1989 to June 1991 are under review.

(c) The policy will continue, as such allotments are made on compassionate grounds to deserving cases.

बिहार में खाना पकाने की गैस के डीलरों की नियुक्ति

2495. श्री गया सिंह : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1991–92 के दौरान बिहार में